(b) Ministry of External Affairs

Indian Council for Cultural Relations

Number of students from other countries actually sponsored by the Government of India.

Name of the Scheme	1994-95	1995-96
1. Cultural Exchange Programmes	162	159
2. Commonwealth Scholarships/ Fellowship Plan	35	19
3. SAARC and other programmes	5	4
4. Commonwealth Cooperation Scheme	9	3
5. General Cultural Scholarships Scheme	98	83
6. ICCR Scholarships for performing arts	56	44
7. Mauritius	29	26
8. Bangladesh	91	91
9. Srilanka	34	34

Need to Monitor Foreign Educational Institutions in the Country

2198. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of technical courses run by foreign universities in the country and the details thereof;

(b) the corresponding annual fees charged by them in each case;

(c) how many foreign universities are recognised by the Association of Indian Universities and the competent authority for this purpose;

(d) whether Government have drawn-up any policy parameters including regulatory laws for monitoring and controlling the entry of such institutions;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (f) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is vested with the power to accord permission to conduct programmes in technical education at diploma, degree and post-graduate levels. No foreign affiliated programme has been approved by them. The Association of Indian Universities have also not recognised any foreign university for running any technical education course in India. The details of foreign universities running technical courses in India arc not, therefore, available. In order to create awareness among the public against such foreign affiliated programme, the AICTE has been issuing notices in the newspapers from time to time.

Implementation of Operation Black Board in Gujarat

2199. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the tribal areas in Gujarat have been covered under Operation Blackboard and non-formal education schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any improvement has been noticed in the literacy of adivasis of the State after the implementation of these schemes;